

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio [Ms. PRYCE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. PRYCE addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. LIPINSKI] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. LIPINSKI addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. CHAMBLISS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Georgia [Ms. MCKINNEY] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. MCKINNEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. SMITH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SMITH of Michigan addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

REPEAL OF GAS TAX

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, very briefly, we have had almost 10 days of vigorous discussion on one of the striking concerns or outcries of the American public. It is not that the American public is not willing to pay their fair share, it is a question of fairness, and that is, of course, with the increasing cost of gasoline at the gas pump.

Many of us on both sides of the aisle have agreed that we need to assess the gasoline tax and seek its repeal. We also have heard from the President of the United States, who indicated his willingness to consider such repeal because he too believes in fairness. But we have not yet been able to resolve how we should move forward to come together on behalf of the American people.

I must take great issue with one representation by those of the majority that we will repeal and take it out of education. If there is ever a contradiction, that is one. The American people wholeheartedly support the education of their children. They, too, realize

that education is the cornerstone of success in the 21st century.

So it is the evening that I have filed legislation to repeal the gasoline tax of 4.3 percent and to allow that offset to come from our defense budget, which is in excess of the budget requested by the Department of Defense. Again, the American people simply want fairness, and that fairness is to address their outcry in a manner that balances the burdens and benefits across this Nation.

I think that we should address it, ensure that we continue to educate our children, and be able to find a responsible offset that allows for a continued move toward a fiscally responsible government and one that responds to the concerns of working America, people who work every single day and simply want a fair shake.

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Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting my legislation and acknowledging that it is time now to give America its fair shake and repeal the 4.3-cent gasoline tax.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. [Mr. HAYWORTH]. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. WALKER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. WALKER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. KINGSTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. KINGSTON addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) from 6 p.m. today and for the balance of the week, on account of official business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MEEHAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana, for 60 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BEREUTER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MCINTOSH, for 5 minutes, on May 9.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WALKER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members at the request of Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. ENGEL.
Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.
Mr. DINGELL.
Mr. HAMILTON.
Mrs. MALONEY.
Mr. HOYER.
Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas.
Ms. DELAURO.
Mr. GORDON in ten instances.
Mr. BAESLER.
Mr. BERMAN.
Mr. KLECZKA.
Mr. GEPHARDT.
Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey in two instances.

Ms. HARMAN in two instances.

Mr. POSHARD.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BEREUTER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. TAUZIN.
Mr. SANFORD.
Mr. SMITH of Michigan.
Ms. DUNN of Washington.
Mr. QUINN.
Mr. RADANOVICH.
Mr. MOORHEAD.
Mr. ROTH.
Mr. DUNCAN.
Mr. CAMPBELL in two instances.
Mr. FRANKS of Connecticut.
Mr. MARTINI.
Mrs. SMITH of Washington.
Mr. EMERSON.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1467. An act to authorize the construction of the Fort Peck Rural County Water Supply System, to authorize assistance to the Fort Peck Rural County Water District, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the planning, design, and construction of the water supply system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 641. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend programs established pursuant to the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.